

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete the first paragraph on page 1 and replace it with the following:

-- [0001] The present invention relates to compositions for the treatment or prevention of diabetes mellitus, or other conditions associated with impaired glucose tolerance such as syndrome X and obesity. More specifically, the present invention relates to compositions comprising a catechin found in green tea, particularly (-) epigallocatechin gallate (hereinafter: EGCG), and a peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma (hereinafter: PPAR γ) ligand. In another aspect, the present invention relates to the use of EGCG in the manufacture of a nutraceutical composition for concomitant consumption in the treatment or prevention of diabetes or obesity by administration of a PPAR γ ligand. In still another aspect, the invention relates to a method of treatment or prevention of diabetes mellitus, or other conditions associated with impaired glucose tolerance such as syndrome X and obesity wherein an effective amount of a composition comprising EGCG and a PPAR γ ligand is administered to an individual in need of such treatment.--

Please delete the last comma at the end of paragraph 12, and replace it with a period.

In paragraph 52 of the published application, line 3, please delete "Turrax" and replace it with -- TURRAX --.